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WORD ABOUT ANNUALS

If you want plenty of late bloom from your annuals, cut off all the stem pods and fading blossoms, loosen the soil and with commercial fertilizer doctor them. If the weather be dry, water well.

Prepare some sort of protection for chrysanthemums and other late blooming flowers, so that when the first frost appears, you may save the flowers. Often we have a few cold nights about the middle of this month, and warm weather until October.

Don't forget to order a supply of crocus bulbs for lawn planting. That is, tuck a few dozen of them in the lawn, and you and your family will enjoy early blooms in unexpected places.

Make rose cuttings about six inches long; strip all the leaves off but one and bury the cutting up to the leaves. Turn a glass jar upon them and draw the soil well up about the jar. When winter approaches protect them with leaves or other bit.

If you will put a few self-sown seedlings found in the borders, you will have satisfactory bloom in your window in a few weeks. Do not wait until the frost has weakened them but do it now.

Don't use many manure flower pots and distract them to kill all the insect and fungi. Always use a perfectly dry pot. Baking them thoroughly will destroy all life that the souring has not reached.

Golden Bell or Forsythia, on account of blooming so early in the spring, must be transplanted in the autumn.

If you have a large east window, turn it into a bower of beauty. Fasten a strong shelf below the sill and nail a wire arch or grill across the top of the window. Place a pot of Madeira vine at each end of the shelf. They will soon reach the top of the window and cover the arch.



Our Finest Fall Flower—The Chrysanthemum.

LATE FLOWERING PLANTS

By MRS. JOHN FIELD.

Such late flowering plants as the hollyhock and the perennial phlox need a good deal of attention to keep them looking well. On the former the flowers wither, but they cling persistently to the stalk unless forcibly removed, and give it a very untidy appearance.

By removing them we enable the plant to look its best, and the few flowers of the last autumn days show to the best possible advantage.

On the phlox great heads of seed form, not so very unattractive in themselves, perhaps, but they rapidly exhaust the vitality of the plant, and the foliage, which might be kept attractive green until cold weather comes, takes on a drab color which is anything but pleasing.

Cut away the seed, and save the plant this expenditure of its vital force.

All dead and dying annuals should be pulled up and added to the compost heap.

If any of them show signs of rust,

burn them. If this is not done they may carry the disease over winter. Of course, such protection as this ought to have been taken on the first appearance of the infection, but better late than never!

October is not too late to transplant perennials and other plants of that class, if care is taken in their removal.

The first thing to do is to prepare the place to which they are to be removed. Have this ready for their reception before anything else is done.

Then lift your plants, disturbing their roots as little as possible. Cut about them with a sharp spade and work it under them, below their roots. When you have done this you will generally be able to lift the mass of earth in which they are growing without breaking it apart.

If they are to be taken to a distant part of the garden, it is well to use the wheelbarrow. This not only makes the work easier, but it does away with the danger of crushing the earth away from the plant's roots.

When they are in place, fill in about them with fine soil, and make it firm. Then water well.

IDEA DOESN'T PLEASE HERZOG

Manager of Cincinnati Reds Praised
at Suggestion of Well-Meaning
"Bug" to Avoid Injury.

"It seems to me," declared a well-meaning bug, "that the idea of coloring adopted by uniforms for the European war might be quite valuable for baseball."

"And how so?" queried Manager Herzog of the Cincinnati Reds with a puzzled face.

"Why, that's easy to understand," explained the bug. "Khaki or greenish gray or black gray is a far harder target for the marksman than the brighter colors, while men dressed in white uniforms—like those all clubs



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